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Dear Examiner Barts:

In response to the non-final Office Action in the above-identified application, mailed September 25, 2002, the Applicants submit the following Response.

Remarks

Claims 1, 3-5, and 8-35 are pending in the application.

Claim Rejections Based on 35 USC § 112(a)

Claims 1, 3-5, and 8-35 stand rejected under 35 USC § 112(a), based on the Examiner's contention that they contain subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s) had possession of the claimed invention at the time the application was filed. Specifically, the Examiner contends that the Specification lacks explicit support for the claim limitation "at least one non-chelating ligand" that was added by amendment. The Applicants respectfully disagree.